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Attorney Docket No. 33157

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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
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 2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
 See 37 CFR 1.27.

3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 42]  
 (preferred arrangement set forth below)  
 - Descriptive title of the invention  
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications  
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D  
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table,  
 or a computer program listing appendix  
 - Background of the Invention  
 - Brief Summary of the Invention  
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)  
 - Detailed Description  
 - Claim(s)  
 - Abstract of the Disclosure

4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 15]

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 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement [Power of Attorney]  
 (when there is an assignee)

11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)

12. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 [5] Copies of IDS Citations

13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment

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 (Should be specifically itemized)

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15 sheets of formal drawings are included.

An assignment of the invention to Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd., will be forwarded.

Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 on the basis of the following foreign applications:

Japanese Patent Application No. Hei. 11-343970, filed December 2, 1999.

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